

Mark Pickett Racing – Wins the BM Graphics Plate at Barbagallo Raceway.



Mark wins the very prestigious BM Graphics Plate at Barbagallo Raceway by an incredible 28-second margin.

It has been a very busy and successful two months for Mark, racing at Barbagallo Raceway and making the trip south to Collie.

The September meeting at Barbagallo saw the running of the annual BM Graphics Plate round. This is a very prestigious event – second only to winning the state title – and the winner must cross the line in front on the last race of the day as all the previous races do not contribute to the outcome of the Plate race.

Mark started the weekend strongly by qualifying 2-seconds ahead of the nearest 1200 car. This qualifying performance was also a personal best lap time for Mark, stopping the clock with a 1:11.80 time. As an added bonus, this time saw Mark qualify 8th overall, which placed him ahead of not only the 1200 cars but also a number of 1600 vehicles. This was to set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

Race 1 saw Mark gain an early lead and move past some of the 1600 rear guard, eventually taking the flag to win by 8-seconds. In the second race

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Mark stormed ahead and continued to build his lead every lap and showing true pace against the quicker 1600-class cars. This time his winning margin was an impressive 15-seconds. It was a strong end to the day and set him up well for the three big races on Sunday.

On Sunday, the first race was a carbon copy of the previous day's racing as Mark took the chequered flag by 10-seconds over the second placed 1200. He and the car were on song and looking forward to the final two races for the day.

In the following race, there was an incident at the very first corner and the safety car was brought out for three laps while the track was cleared. That left five remaining laps during which, Mark managed to pull a 10-second gap on the 1200 field.

The final event for the day was met with great anticipation from all drivers as each of them were eager to add the BM Graphics plate to their career resume. As soon as the red lights were extinguished, Mark's number 92 Vee took off like a rocket and won the drag race to the first corner, where he immediately passed two 1600s. From there it was clear that he was in the groove and on a mission.

In a truly remarkable display of tactics and driving skill, Mark went past more and more of the faster 1600 cars and left the 1200s in his wake. Each lap saw him further and further ahead until he crossed the line to take the flag and none of the 1200s were even in sight. He began his cool-down lap and the 1200s finally appeared over the hill and rounded turn 7 to cross the line – a full 28-seconds behind Mark!

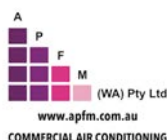
The BM Graphics plate had been won by an unprecedented margin and the whole team could not be happier with Mark's sensational drive.



Mark with 1600-class winner David Caisley and some of the other Formula Vee drivers on the grid at Barbagallo Raceway after the BM Graphics Plate race.

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Major sponsor, Adam Moseley from APFM (WA) Pty. Ltd., congratulates Mark on his BM Graphics Plate win at Barbagallo Raceway.

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Mark Pickett Racing – Wins Coalfields 500 at Collie Motorplex.



Mark in action at the Coalfields 500 in Collie.

After arriving at Collie motorplex on Saturday afternoon, Mark was keen to get some laps under his belt at a track that is reminiscent of his karting days; a tight and technical track, which involved maintaining the absolute limit of grip. After the 15-minute practice session and being the fastest car on track, out of the 1200s and 1600s, Mark Pickett Racing was ready to take on a full Sunday of racing.

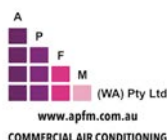
Qualifying began with no mercy, Mark set a time that put him in position 4 overall – that meant that only the top 3 1600 cars were quicker than him around Collie. He was 1.7 seconds ahead of second place in the 1200 field.

In the first race of the day, Mark made a strong start and passed two 1600 cars within three corners to take a commanding lead over the 1200s. He was dicing for position with the 1600s – two more of which he eventually overtook to win the race and actually finish 6th overall. The nearest 1200 was 14-seconds behind: another convincing win.

Race 2 again saw Mark make a superb start and cut through some of the 1600s but unfortunately, a crash brought out the red flag and a full race restart was ordered. Despite more traffic in front of him after the restart, Mark carved through the field again, relishing the tight Collie circuit and trying hard to maintain the highest possible corner speeds. This turn of speed saw him duelling with one of the top five 1600 front runners, whom he eventually

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passed on the last lap. He won the race by an impressive margin of 13-seconds.

During the final race of the day, Mark and the car were totally dialled in and were again dicing with the same top five contender, who was driving very defensively, determined not to be passed by a 1200 again. Unfortunately, this defensive driving held Mark up and prevented him from taking out the 1200 lap record at Collie by .07-seconds! Despite this, Mark enjoyed the race and so did the spectators. He won by 10-seconds over his nearest competitor.

The weekend finished with a clean sweep for Mark Pickett Racing. Mark now has an unbeatable lead in the State Title Championship with one round still to race on the 21st of October.

It has been a remarkable rookie season for Mark, with an almost perfect race win record, a BM Graphics Plate win and the 2017 State Title Championship victory.

Mark is considering his options for 2018 and is considering moving to the very popular and highly competitive Formula Ford series. This is the arena in which many of Australia's greats have gained the attention of professional race teams and launched full time racing careers. 24 out of 25 of the current V8 Supercar drivers made their name in Formula Ford, including Craig Lowndes and local hero Garth Tander.

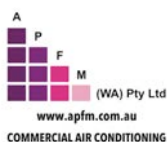
Formula Ford presents more challenges for Mark as a driver and even more exposure and opportunities for our sponsors. We will keep you informed about any progress in this new class.



An aerial view of the Collie Motorplex circuit.

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Career Highlights:

2016 Formula Vee Nationals – Barbagallo Raceway
5th Nationally, 3rd in Western Australia

2017 March Meeting - WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 3 Wins
Meeting Win

2017 April Meeting – WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 3 Wins
Meeting Win

2017 May Meeting – WA State Championship – Collie Motorplex
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 3 Wins
Meeting Win

2017 June Meeting – Australian National Round - Mallala Motorsport Park
South Australia
Qualified Third
Finished Second in Formula Vee 1200 National Round
Finished Second Overall for the South Australian State Title Meeting

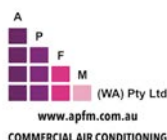
2017 June Meeting – WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 2 Wins, 1 Second
Meeting Win

2017 July Meeting – WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 3 Wins
Meeting Win

2017 August Meeting – WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway
Qualified Pole Position
3 Races, 2 Wins, 1 Second
Meeting Win

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2017 September Meeting – WA State Championship – Barbagallo Raceway

Qualified Pole Position

5 Races, 5 Wins

BM Graphics Plate Winner

Meeting Win

2017 October Meeting – WA State Championship – Collie Motorplex

Qualified Pole Position

3 Races, 3 Wins

Meeting Win

Current WA State 1200 Championship Points Leader

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